Senate Resolution 102 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102 BY BOLKCOM

- 1 A Resolution urging Congress to require nutritional
- 2 quality and options for school meals.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Richard B. Russell National School
- 4 Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 were
- 5 enacted to safeguard the health and well-being of the
- 6 nation's children; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a disproportionate rise in indicators of
- 8 poor health among children is linked to diet; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a significant percentage of low-income
- 10 children are considered at risk for obesity and
- 11 diet-related degenerative diseases; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics,
- 13 the American Cancer Society, the American Dietetic
- 14 Association, the American Diabetes Association, the
- 15 American Heart Association, the Institute of Medicine,
- 16 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and
- 17 the National Institutes of Health recommend high fiber
- 18 foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains,
- 19 and legumes, all of which contain fiber and essential
- 20 nutrients, vitamins, and minerals, are low in fat and
- 21 calories, and contain no cholesterol; NOW THEREFORE,
- 22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
- 23 respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to
- 24 require healthful options for students participating
- 25 in meal service programs authorized under the Richard
- 26 B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child
- 27 Nutrition Act of 1966; and
- 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate respectfully

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- 1 urges the Congress of the United States to require the
- 2 USDA to make available a greater variety of fresh and
- 3 frozen produce, legumes, whole grains, nuts, and seeds
- 4 throughout the commodities program that serves schools
- 5 and children; and
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate state
- 7 agencies and the Chief of the Bureau of Nutrition,
- 8 Health and Transportation Services are encouraged to
- 9 develop nutritionally sound school meal menus; and
- 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of
- 11 the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the
- 12 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
- 13 the members of Iowa's congressional delegation, and the
- 14 United States Secretary of Agriculture.